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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 SUSAN TIERNEY COCKBURN,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 SWS INDUSTRIES, INC. dba MCGILL,
12 INC., *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

Case No. C10-1566RSL

ORDER

14 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. On March 30, 2012, Defendants
15 filed an exhibit (Dkt. # 97) under seal without prior permission of the Court and without
16 the accompanying motion otherwise required by Local Civil Rule 5(g). Accordingly,
17 the Court ordered Defendants to show cause as to why it should not direct the Clerk of
18 Court to unseal the exhibit. Dkt. # 100. On April 3, 2012, Defendants informed the
19 Court of their belief that the previously filed protective order pre-authorized the filing of
20 all documents designated “highly confidential” under seal.¹ Dkt. # 101. Otherwise, they
21 informed the Court that they have no objection to the document being unsealed.

22 Again, to be clear, the protective order noted by Defendants does not reference,
23 much less pre-authorize, the filing of sealed documents. See Dkt. # 76. Any and all
24 documents filed with the Court will be accessible to the public unless an interested party
25 has made the necessary showing that the public’s right of access is outweighed by the

26 ¹ The Court notes that Defendants did not date their response as required by Local Civil Rule 10(e)(4). In the future, undated filings will be stricken.

1 interests of the public and the parties in protecting the court's files from public review as
2 to each individual document or exhibit. Local Civil Rule 5(g). If the parties understood
3 the prior order (Dkt. # 76) to confer anything different, that understanding was incorrect.

4 In any case, given Defendants' position regarding what is apparently Plaintiff's
5 document, the Court will allow Plaintiff three days from the date of this Order to move
6 the Court to allow Dkt. # 97 to remain under seal. If she elects to do so, Plaintiff is
7 directed to discuss with specificity the requirements set forth in Local Civil Rule 5(g).
8 Otherwise, the Court will direct the Clerk to unseal the document.

9 DATED this 5th day of April, 2012.

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12 Robert S. Lasnik
13 United States District Judge
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